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**SUBJECT: SCAG 2017 FTIP AMENDMENT NO. 17-16 AND CONFORMITY
DETERMINATION**

Dear Mr. de Terra:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our reviews of Amendment No. 17-16 to the Southern California Association of Governments' (SCAG) 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), which was submitted by your letter dated February 6, 2018. As detailed in your letter enclosed, this amendment requests to add twenty (20) new individual and three (3) grouped project listings to SCAG's FTIP, and to modify thirty (30) individual and thirteen (13) grouped project listings with removal of four (4) individual project listings previously approved for California Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) inclusion.

We have determined all project listings from this amendment are from SCAG's adopted 2040 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), and the modifications requested rely on a previous regional emissions analysis. Acceptance of this amendment and the air quality conformity determination have been coordinated with Region IX of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the *National Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and EPA on Transportation Conformity*, dated April 25, 2000. SCAG's 2017 FTIP, including Amendment No. 17-16, conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan (SIP) for air quality.

Pursuant the February 14, 2018 *Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the FHWA – California Division and FTA – Region IX*, and based on our review of information submitted with the State's proposed 2017 FSTIP, which includes revenues, proposed project funding information to demonstrate financial constraint, and statewide and metropolitan planning process documentation, we accept this FSTIP modification proposed for the SCAG region in accordance with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in

with the Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Transportation Planning that was published in the May 27, 2016 Federal Register. We have determined the amended SCAG FTIP, including Amendment No. 17-16, is financially constrained as required by the Federal surface transportation programs authorizing legislation and statewide planning, metropolitan planning, and programming regulations. SCAG's FTIP was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accordance with the metropolitan transportation planning provisions of 23 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 134 and 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53.

Approval is provided with understanding that an eligibility determination of individual projects for funding must be met, and the applicant must ensure satisfaction of all administrative and statutory requirements. If you have questions or would like additional information about our FSTIP approval for this amendment, feel free to contact Michael Morris of the FHWA California Division's Cal-South office at (213) 894-4014, or by email at michael.morris@dot.gov; or Adam Stephenson of the FTA's Los Angeles Metro Office at (213) 202-3957, or by email at adam.stephenson@dot.gov.

Sincerely,



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/s/ **Leslie T. Rogers**

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